

## Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission Bureau for Historic Preservation

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TO EXPEDITE REVIEW USE BHP REFERENCE NUMBER

Re: ER 08-1408-042-B

STB Docket No. AB-1020X: East Penn Railroad, LLC-Abandonment Exemption, Berks and Montgomery Counties, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Norell:

The Bureau for Historic Preservation (the State Historic Preservation Office) has reviewed the above named project in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended in 1980 and 1992, and the regulations (36 CFR Part 800) of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation as revised in 1999 and 2004. These regulations require consideration of the project's potential effect upon both historic and archaeological resources.

We are in receipt of the additional information you submitted concerning the history of the East Penn Railroad. It is the opinion of the State Historic Preservation Officer that the East Penn Railroad, Berks and Montgomery Counties is not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

If you need further information in this matter please consult Susan Zacher at (717) 783-9920.

Sincerely,

Andrea MacDonald, Chief Division of Preservation Services

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